



# WHS News

NEWSLETTER 10/2025:

## WHS 2025: The Power of Collective Commitment

Dear World Health Summit Community, The World Health Summit 2025 has concluded, once again demonstrating the importance, necessity, and power of a collective commitment to global health. Over three days in Berlin, more than 4,000 participants from 144 countries– representing three-quarters of all countries worldwide – came together under the leitmotif “Taking Responsibility for Health in a Fragmenting World.” The very foundations of the traditional global health architecture are questioned and the abrupt loss of funding is causing severe damage to health in many vulnerable populations. We all share the responsibility to come up with new ideas and establish new approaches that are even better than the ones we had before. They should still be guided by the aim to provide health and well-being to everyone – but they need to be more transparent, fairer and build on a broader foundation. At the Summit, the will and energy to achieve that were clearly visible. Leaders and changemakers from politics, science, civil society, and the private sector engaged in open and forward-looking debates on how to strengthen cooperation for health at a time when global solidarity is under strain and funding faces serious challenges. In this process, we must think and act beyond traditional boundaries of “health”. “Global Health” is not an issue only for experts and something far away from our everyday living. Rather it is “Health Globally”, everywhere and for everyone! Health is truly cross-cutting and shapes every aspect of our lives - from peace and prosperity to international politics and economic cooperation. In addition to knowledge in medicine and public health, it requires financial, technological, political, and communication know-how, as well as decision-making at all levels. The Summit clearly showed that together we are moving into that direction. The pledge of one billion euros (approximately USD 1.16 billion) from Germany to the Global Fund is a powerful signal that collective action for health is possible and still seen as a political priority. Now, it is up to all of us to build on the momentum from WHS 2025, fostering collaboration, innovation, and engagement in the months ahead. We hope to see many of you at the upcoming [WHS Regional Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, in April next year!](#)

Stay safe, stay healthy  
Yours  
Axel R. Pries  
President



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## Global Health Action at a Glance

### WHS 2025 in Numbers

**4,000+**  
participants on-site in Berlin

**40,000+**  
participants online

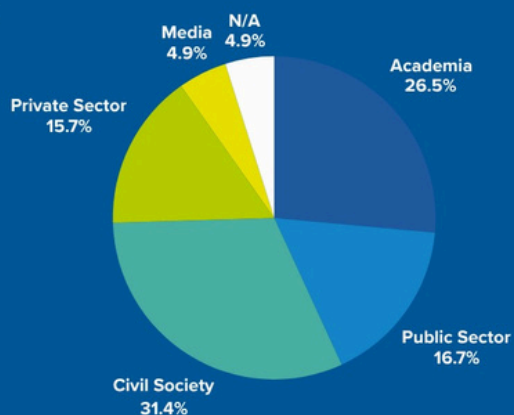
**400+**  
speakers

**144**  
countries/territories

**75**  
sessions

**65+**  
side meetings

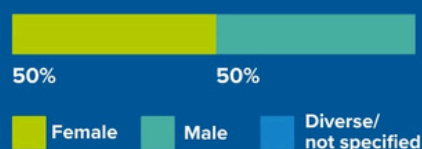
### Speakers sector affiliation



### Gender balance Participants



### Chairs/Speakers



Female Male Diverse/  
not specified



## WHS 2025 Impact

By uniting diverse voices and building unique opportunities, the World Health Summit 2025 accelerated innovation and change which lead to impacts.



- **EUR 1 billion** pledged by Germany at WHS 2025 to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- **EUR 100 million** pledged by Germany to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) Event at WHS 2025
- **Global leaders reaffirmed their commitment** to health as a political priority and a cornerstone of peace and resilience
- **New Global Burden of Disease Study presented** during the summit: Global mortality declines, youth deaths rise, and health inequities widen
- **New Gallup Report published:** Peace, health, and emotional well-being rise and fall together
- **New Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB) 2025 Report** presented at WHS

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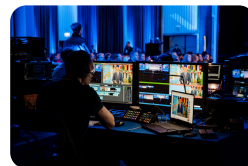
## Multimedia Highlights



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## WHS Academic Alliance Declaration in Nature Medicine

AcademicFreedom and International Cooperation – Keys to Safeguarding Global Health and Well-Being: On the occasion of the World Health Summit the WHS Academic Alliance has published the WHS Academic Alliance Declaration 2025 in Nature Medicine highlighting the vital role of academic freedom and international collaboration in promoting global health.

[Read the publication](#)



## Thank You to Our Community

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the World Health Summit 2025 possible, our partners, speakers, and the more than 40,000 participants who joined us in Berlin and online. Your commitment, ideas, and energy are what make this community strong.



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## Save the Dates

### WHS Regional Meeting

April 27-29, 2026 Nairobi,  
Kenya

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### World Health Summit

2026

Oct. 11-13, 2026  
Berlin, Germany

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